

REMARKS

By this Amendment, claims 2, 12 and 22 are canceled. Accordingly, claims 1, 3-11, 13-21 and 23-30 are pending in this application.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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